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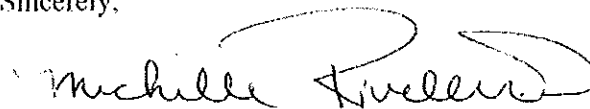
**Regarding Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7**

An act requiring School Districts to utilize Board Certified Behavior Analysts when an individual education plan includes applied behavior analytic services as part of a student's special education...

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a pediatrician in Stratford caring for many children on the Autism Spectrum, as well as the mother of a 14 year old daughter with autism. I strongly support Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7. I support this bill because of my professional experience with the frequent use of poorly trained and supervised personnel in schools in CT to supply behavioral therapy to students with special needs. This has been at best ineffective, and at worst, an unsafe practice. I encourage you to support this bill. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,



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